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## Practice Areas

- Business Litigation
- Financial Services Litigation
- Securities Litigation
- Employment Litigation and Counseling



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## Education

- Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, Cleveland, Ohio  
Juris Doctor, 1989  
Summa Cum Laude
- Cleveland State University, Cleveland, Ohio  
Bachelor of Arts, 1980

## Admitted to Practice

- Supreme Court of Ohio
- U.S. District Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit
- U.S. Supreme Court

## Professional Associations, Affiliations and Achievements

- Crain's 2018 Women of Note
- Inaugural Inductee, Cleveland-Marshall College Of Law Hall of Fame, 2017
- Legal Aid Society of Cleveland, President (2018) and Member Board of Directors (2014 – Present) and Treasurer
- Martindale-Hubbell® AV Preeminent®
- Top Rated Lawyer by The American Lawyer Magazine and Corporate Counsel Magazine, 2013 – Present
- Women Leaders in the Law, The American Lawyer Magazine, 2013
- Ohio Super Lawyer (2006 - Present)
  - Ohio Super Lawyer - Top 50 Women Lawyers in Ohio
  - Ohio Super Lawyer - Top 25 Women Lawyers in Cleveland
  - Super Lawyer, Nationwide Business Edition
  - Super Lawyer, Nationwide Corporate Counsel Edition (2008 - Present)



- Living Legend, Hall of Fame - Cleveland-Marshall College of Law
- Top Rated Lawyers – Cleveland - Featured Article, 2012
- Leading Lawyer by Inside Business - Featured Article, January 2009
- CMBA Diversity and Inclusion Trailblazer Award, 2012
- Member, Litigation Counsel of America
- Life Member Eighth District Judicial Conference
- Member, Ohio Bar Association
- Member, Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association (CMBA)
  - Litigation Section
  - Labor & Employment Law Section
- National Association of Minority and Women Owned Law Firms (NAMWOLF), Past Treasurer and Member Board of Directors
- Member, Ohio Women's Bar Association

## Frequent Author and Presenter on Topics including

- Legends in the Law Faculty, CM-Law, 2017
- Presenter, CMBA Diversity Summit 2015
- Law Firm Cyber Security, NAMWOLF Annual Meeting, 2016
- The City Club of Cleveland- We Object!
  - The Successes and Struggles of Female Attorneys, 2010
- The Attorney-Client Privilege for In-House Counsel, American Association of Corporate Counsel, 2012
- Human Resource Impacts of Social Media, NAMWOLF Annual Meeting, 2015
- Anatomy of a Discrimination Lawsuit, Council on Education in Management, 2012
- On Point, Sharpening Your Deposition Skills, Prof. Edu. Systems, 2011